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Patricia
Quintana,
Champion
of
Mexican
Cuisine,
Dies at 72

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Patricia Quintana, the chef and author whose work exalted the range and sophistication of Mexican cuisine, died on Monday at her home in Mexico City. She was 72.

Her son Patricio Pasquel Quintana, who confirmed the death, said Ms. Quintana was given a diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma several years ago.

Beginning with her first cookbook, "La Cocina Es un Juego" ("The Kitchen Is a Game"), in 1979, Ms. Quintana's work pushed back against the stereotypes of Mexican cuisine with persistence and finesse, deepening the collective appreciation for regional flavors in her country and abroad.

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